
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	Hon. Madeline Cox Arleo
v.	:	
	:	Mag. No. 06-
TARIQ JOHNSON, a/k/a "Freak," and	:	
JAMAL McCLAIN, a/k/a "Mal G"	:	CRIMINAL COMPLAINT
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I, Jason Walk, being duly sworn state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. From on or about to on or about May 3, 2006, to on or about June 13, 2006, in Essex County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, defendants TARIQ JOHNSON, a/k/a "Freak," and JAMAL McCLAIN, a/k/a "Mal G" did:

SEE ATTACHMENT A

in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

I further state that I am a Task Force Officer with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

SEE ATTACHMENT B

Jason Walk, Task Force Officer
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence,
September 11, 2006, at Newark, New Jersey

HONORABLE MADELINE COX ARLEO
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Signature of Judicial Officer

ATTACHMENT A

From on or about May 3, 2006, to on or about June 13, 2006, in Essex County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, defendants TARIQ JOHNSON, a/k/a "Freak," and JAMAL McCLAIN, a/k/a "Mal G," did knowingly and willfully conspire and agree with each other and others to commit offenses against the United States, that is, to engage in the business of dealing in firearms without having a license to do so, contrary to Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(a)(1)(A).

OVERT ACTS

In furtherance of the conspiracy and to effect its objects, the following overt acts were committed in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere:

1. On or about June 2, 2006, in Newark, New Jersey, defendants TARIQ JOHNSON, a/k/a "Freak," and JAMAL McLAIN, a/k/a "Mal-G," sold a Smith & Wesson .22 caliber handgun, serial number B20256, and two rounds of .22 caliber ammunition to an individual cooperating with law enforcement (the "CW") for approximately \$150.

2. On or about June 13, 2006, in Newark, New Jersey, defendants TARIQ JOHNSON, a/k/a "Freak," and JAMAL McLAIN, a/k/a "Mal-G," sold a Walther 9mm handgun, serial number 055883W696, and nine 9mm rounds to the CW for approximately \$700.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

ATTACHMENT B

I, Jason Walk, am a Task Force Officer with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have knowledge of the following facts based upon my investigation, review of reports and discussions with other law enforcement personnel and others. All statements herein are set forth in substance and in part:

1. Beginning in or about March 2006, an individual cooperating with law enforcement (the "CW") provided information that defendants TARIQ JOHNSON, a/k/a "Freak," and JAMAL McCLAIN, a/k/a "Mal G," belonged to a criminal street gang known as the "Crips."

2. On or about May 3, 2006, in Irvington, New Jersey, defendant TARIQ JOHNSON, a/k/a "Freak," and a co-conspirator sold an SKS 7.62 mm assault rifle, serial number 1621273, and nine rounds of 7.62 mm ammunition to the CW for approximately \$800. This transaction was observed by law enforcement and consensually audio-recorded.

3. On or about May 8, 2006, in Newark, New Jersey, defendant TARIQ JOHNSON, a/k/a "Freak," and a second co-conspirator sold a MAC-11 9mm semi-automatic pistol, serial number 94-0020746, and sixty-one rounds of 9mmmm ammunition to the CW for approximately \$900. This transaction was observed by law enforcement and consensually audio-recorded.

4. On or about June 2, 2006, in Newark, New Jersey, defendants TARIQ JOHNSON, a/k/a "Freak," and JAMAL McLAIN, a/k/a "Mal-G," sold a Smith & Wesson .22 caliber handgun, serial number B20256, and two rounds of .22 caliber ammunition to the CW for approximately \$150. This transaction was observed by law enforcement and consensually audio-recorded.

5. On or about June 6, 2006, in Newark, New Jersey, defendant TARIQ JOHNSON, a/k/a "Freak," and a third co-conspirator sold an SKS 7.62x39 mm assault rifle, serial number 1021476, and 31 rounds of 7.62x39 mm ammunition to the CW for approximately \$1,250. This transaction was observed by law enforcement and consensually audio-recorded.

6. On or about June 13, 2006, in Newark, New Jersey, defendants TARIQ JOHNSON, a/k/a "Freak," and JAMAL McLAIN, a/k/a "Mal-G," sold a Walther 9mm handgun, serial number 055883W696, and nine 9mm rounds to the CW for approximately \$700. This transaction was observed by law enforcement and consensually

audio-recorded.

7. On or about June 13, 2006, in Newark, New Jersey, defendant TARIQ JOHNSON, a/k/a "Freak," and a fourth co-conspirator sold a Hi-Point .40 caliber handgun, serial number 726980, and 9 rounds of .40 caliber ammunition to the CW for approximately \$700. This transaction was observed by law enforcement and consensually audio-recorded.

8. On or about June 22, 2006, in Newark, New Jersey, defendant TARIQ JOHNSON, a/k/a "Freak," offered to sell the CW a 9 mm handgun belonging to defendant JAMAL McCLAIN a/k/a "Mal-G," for approximately \$700. The CW agreed, and JOHNSON then called McCLAIN to confirm the price of the handgun. McCLAIN confirmed that the price was \$700 not \$900. The CW then gave JOHNSON \$700 in United States currency and JOHNSON gave the CW a 9 mm handgun. A few minutes later, McCLAIN arrived at the location in Newark New Jersey, and said that he no longer wanted to sell the handgun to the CW and took the handgun back from the CW. This transaction was observed by law enforcement and consensually audio-recorded.

9. Each of the above firearms is a weapon which will, or is designed to, or may readily be converted to, expel a projectile by the action of an explosion

10. A check with federal and state law enforcement agencies revealed that defendants TARIQ JOHNSON, a/k/a "Freak," and a/k/a JAMAL McCLAIN, a/k/a "Mal G," do not have licenses to sell, possess or carry any firearms.